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### DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated **8.7 million** U.S. citizens live overseas.

U.S. citizens take more than **80 million** trips abroad every year.

### STAY CONNECTED WHILE OVERSEAS

#### [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)

69 million visits to the site  
Find Travel Warnings and Alerts, country specific information, passport information and visa requirements.

#### [studentsabroad.state.gov](http://studentsabroad.state.gov)

Information for student travelers.

#### [adoption.state.gov](http://adoption.state.gov)

Providing general information and country-by-country statistics, alerts, and notices on intercountry adoptions.



[@TravelGov](https://twitter.com/TravelGov)

455,000 followers (April 2015)



[Facebook.com/TravelGov](https://www.facebook.com/TravelGov)

211,000 "Likes" (April 2015)



[step.state.gov](http://step.state.gov)

Enroll in the **SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM** for security and travel updates on the go!

**OUR MISSION:** *The mission of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) is to provide consular services that protect U.S. citizens, ensure U.S. border security, facilitate the entry of legitimate travelers, and foster economic growth.*

### HELPING U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS:

*Our number one priority is to provide U.S. citizens living and traveling overseas with emergency and non-emergency services.*

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Overseas births of U.S. citizens registered: **66,854**
- Emergency passports issued: **41,513**
- Welfare/Whereabouts inquiries: **30,807**
- Assisted families of **10,245** U.S. citizens who died while abroad
- Prison visits: **8,685**
- Security and Emergency Messages published: **1,276**
- U.S. citizens repatriated: **1,293**

### ADOPTIONS AND ABDUCTIONS:

*We have a special commitment to helping our most vulnerable citizens.*

#### INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS:

- Adoptions to the United States: **6,441**
- Adopted from the United States: **96**

#### INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTIONS:

- U.S. children abducted from the United States to other countries: **849** (CY 2014)
- U.S. children returned to the United States from abroad: **521** (CY 2014)
- Children abducted from overseas to the United States: **502** (CY 2014)

### PASSPORTS:

*We help U.S. citizens obtain the world's premier travel document.*

- Passports and passport cards: **14.1 million**
- Passport cards issued since 2008: **7.9 million** (as of March 2015), which provide entrance via land and sea from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda

#### PASSPORTS IN CIRCULATION:

- **123 million** valid U.S. passports are in circulation
- **38 percent** of U.S. citizens have a passport

### CONTACT US:

**In an emergency, call:**

From the United States: 1-888-407-4747; From Overseas: 202-501-4444

**U.S. Passport Information:**

1-877-4USAPPT (1-877-487-2778); TTY/TDD 1-888-874- 7793

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### U.S. VISAS:

*We partner with U.S. government colleagues to ensure that the United States continues to be the number one destination for international visitors. We remain on track to achieve President Obama's goal of attracting 100 million international visitors to the United States by 2021.*

### TOURISM AND TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES:

*Consular officers strengthen our economy through proper adjudication of nonimmigrant visa applications of foreign citizens seeking to come to the United States to visit, study, work, and travel.*

- **75 million** international visitors traveled to the United States in CY 2014.
- Tourists and business travelers from the top 10 countries for visitors and top 10 countries for spending in the United States are now eligible for 10-year visas and/or visa-free travel.
- Visa applications in China are up **58 percent** (compared to the same period in 2014) since the visa reciprocity for China extended to 10 years in November 2014,

### TOURISM'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND TRADE:

- **2.6 percent** of GDP (2014)
- International visitors contributed **\$220.6 billion** to the U.S. economy (CY 2014)
- International students contributed **\$29 billion** to the U.S. economy (CY 2014)
- Real spending on tourism increased **2.5 percent** (2014)
- **7.8 million** U.S. jobs supported by tourism (2013)
- **9 percent** of all U.S. exports are related to Travel and Tourism (2014)

### NONIMMIGRANT VISAS (NIVs)

- **11.7 million** NIV applications adjudicated
- **9.9 million** NIVs issued
- **607,275** student visas issued
- **331,068** exchange visitor visas issued
- **96 percent** of applicants obtain a visa appointment within three weeks

### UNITE FAMILIES AND GROW THE ECONOMY:

*We reunite families and stimulate job growth through issuance of family-based and employment-based immigrant visas.*

### IMMIGRANT VISAS (IVs)

- **467,370** IVs issued

**FOCUSING ON THE PEOPLE, NOT THE PAPER:** New pilot program using an all-electronic visa application process.

## HOW WE DO IT:

### OFFICES:

**300** offices in **176** countries, **21** states, and D.C.

**29** domestic passport agencies (26 open to the public), and more than **8,100** passport application acceptance facilities nationwide.

### EMPLOYEES:

More than **13,000** direct-hire and contract employees worldwide.

### REVENUE:

- **\$3.66 billion** in consular fee revenue
- **81 percent** of revenue was retained by the Department of State.
- We are entirely fee funded.

## FRAUD PREVENTION:

*We protect our borders and the integrity of our processes by developing and using tools to prevent fraud in consular services.*

- **2,000** employees worldwide trained in malfeasance prevention
- Passport and visa adjudicators referred **139,597** applications to specialized Fraud Prevention Units in the United States and overseas
- We perform thorough biographic and facial recognition checks on all visa and passport applicants. Most visa applicants are subjected to fingerprint checks as well.

**\*\*Unless otherwise stated, all numbers are for Fiscal Year 2014. CY denotes Calendar Year\*\***

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